## ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes January 5, 2011

This meeting of the Jackson ADA Advisory Council was held at the Hood Building on President Street. Present at today's meeting were members: Lee Cole, Chairperson; Sam Gleese, City ADA Coordinator; Robert Joseph, Dr. Scott Crawford, Napoleon Campbell, Dewone Banks, Jason Bunch, Lynn Hill, Lynn Jefferson, and Jackie Washington. Non-voting members present: Judy Sikes (Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities), Namon Hulitt (guest), Kay Hardage, Esq., from Disability Rights Mississippi; Corinne Fox, Director of Planning and Development; George Ewing, Engineering Division for the City's Public Works Department; and Dr. Abram Haymond.

- I. Lee called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
- II. Members and guests introduced themselves; enough members for a quorum today.
- III. Mr. Hulitt read the minutes; included minutes from several meetings. The reading of the minutes had caused some confusion with the council members. Lee Cole, Chairperson wasn't comfortable in voting on the minutes as read. She put the question on the table for the council members to decide if the minutes Mr. Hulitt read for December should be voted as written. Dr. Crawford recommended revising the December minutes so they are clear, issues addressed at December meeting should only be document in the December minutes. Napoleon motioned to have Sam Gleese, Lee Cole; and others make correction so that December minutes will be presented to the council members at the next ADA Council Meeting. Dr. Crawford seconded the motion; it was carried and moved.
- IV. Lee began discussion of Old Business; no agenda was prepared for the January meeting. Dr. Crawford addressed a question to City ADA Coordinator, regarding Hanging Moss Road complaint he filed against the City. The City responded as Dr. Crawford recall: "Hanging Moss Road isn't a priority area because no public or services for people with disability along that section of the road. Therefore, the rest of the sidewalk was left unmodified." Dr. Crawford emailed Mr. Gleese some quotations of regulation from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Which FHWA basically states the rules are when streets are being resurfaces you bring the sidewalks up to ADA specification. Dr. Crawford was seeking status of the response, according to Mr. Gleese all correspondence has been forward to City's Legal Department. As of this time, there has been no response to Dr. Crawford's latest email quoting the Federal Highway Administration's Guidelines. There was no one to represent City's Legal Department at the meeting. Lee placed in January's minutes as an action recommendation that Mr. Gleese follow-up with Legal to review the most recent correspondence from Dr. Crawford, regarding the Hanging Moss Road Project. And, that this council requests a representative from Legal Department to address the council members regarding Dr. Crawford's complaint.
- V. Report from Mr. Gleese, City ADA Coordinator:

- a. Revisit Dr. Crawford's issue concerning Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Center, still working on a response to that situation.
- b. Mr. Gleese's main focus is getting adequate information to formulate an Inclusive Program of Emergency Preparedness, asking today for specific ideas to be included for Emergency Preparedness. The City is working on the emergency plan. The following ideas were articulated in the meeting:
  - 1. Accessible Cots @ Shelters
  - 2. Verbalized communication for the blind via radio
  - 3. Staff should be trained to communicate with people who have cognitive disabilities.
  - 4. Development of a database form to identify what will be needed according to the disability population.
  - 5. Database System needs to be put in place; strictly on a volunteer basis.
  - 6. Emergency Teams-no matter what their capacity, seriously need Disability Etiquette training.
- c. Mr. Gleese thanked the committee for all their ideas/observations and will inform the City's Planning Committee of the above observations.
- d. Sam asked Corinne Fox, Director of Planning and Development, to speak regarding any updates in her department. Ms. Fox commend those who participated in all three (3) public meeting for the JATRAN Route Adjustments. The planning committee didn't vote any of the recommendations out of committee. The recommendations at some point and time will be revisited by the Planning Committee and City Councils. Ms. Fox wanted to inform this council the status of the recommendations, great comments were made toward resolving JATRAN's ADA issues.
  - Napoleon made recommendation that everyone be included in revamping JATRAN Route Adjustment Plan.
  - ii. Lee agreed to move on, since JATRAN's Handilift meeting is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.
  - iii. Napoleon made a motion that this council makes recommendation to the Mayor. Hold a sit down meeting including: Jackson City Mayor, Representatives from disability communities, JATRAN and Budget Committee, to discuss JATRAN Transportation System. It was moved and seconded to include this recommendation in today's minutes.
- VI. Mr. Ewing updated this council regarding Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center bus stop complaint. Limited information was given pertaining to the complaint. According to Mr. Ewing he has not received any feedback; but is aware how important accessible bus stops, shelters, and sidewalks impact people with disabilities. Dr. Crawford wanting to know if there's any reason why a representative of this committee could not be utilized to provide input before engineers finalized new construction. It may help preventing them from being done improperly; construction will met ADAAG standards, and save everyone time, and money. Mr. Ewing acknowledges their workers,

and contractors; that deal with issues impact people with disability, need to be trained. And through this transition stage we are "getting there". Dr. Crawford assured Mr. Ewing training can be provided for his workers. Disability ADA Council Members are willing to provide the necessary training in order to bring the City up to ADAAG Standards.

- VII. Lee opened the floor to any announcement from the council members:
  - a. Judy Sikes announced "Building Access Coalition & Working Conjunction with IRS"-which provides outreach services to the disability community and helps remove the fear of IRS. The service will be provided at the Jackson Medical Mall in February; free tax preparation, will be the main service. In the future more outreach services will be providing for the disability community, those dates has not been finalized yet.
  - b. Jackie Washington announce upcoming event "Take Action for Positive Outcomes"-one date training events for parents with children with special health care needs and related professionals that provide services for children with disabilities. The workshop will be Friday, February 4, 2011 at the Jackson Medical Mall Community Room, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 pm, registration is required.

There being no further business, Lee adjourned the meeting around 2:26 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 1:00 pm at MS Arts Center.

These Minutes were prepared by Ms. Jackie Washington and Rev. Sam Gleese and approved at the March 9, 2011, meeting.